GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1627
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SETTING UP OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a nuclear power plant in the Eastern Region, particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether any Site Selection Committee has been formed;

(c) if so, whether the report has been submitted to the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) No, Sir. The priority for setting up of nuclear power plants in the Eastern Electricity Region is relatively low because this region is endowed with significant coal resources.

(b) Inspite of the above position, in order to meet the long term needs of sites for setting up of Nuclear Power Plants in the country, the Site Selection Committee(SSC) constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy(DAE) is exploring sites in different electricity regions of the country including Eastern Electricity Region (West Bengal included).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.